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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MICROBIAL  
TRANSGLUTAMINASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 8, line 19, please replace the paragraph with the following:

The DNA of the present invention encodes the above-mentioned proteins. Among these, the preferred is a DNA wherein a base sequence encoding for Arg at the forth position from the N-terminal amino acid is CGT or CGC, and a base sequence encoding for Val at the fifth position from the N-terminal amino acid is GTT or GTA. Furthermore, the preferred is a DNA wherein a base sequence encoding for the N-terminal amino acid to fifth amino acid, Ser-Asp-Asp-Arg-Val, (SEQ ID NO: 62) has the following sequence.

Page 9, line 6, please replace the paragraph with the following:

In this case, the preferred is a DNA wherein a base sequence encoding for amino acid